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I.C.P.O. Bulletin (April 09 - 17, 2009)
"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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09/04/2009: Piotr/SP2JMR and Slavo/SP2JMB will be active as 3B8/homecalls from Mauritius Island (AF-049, WLOTA 0595) April 9-17th. They plan to operate SSB and CW on all bands. QSL via home calls. [425 DX News]

09/04/2009: Augusto HB9TZA/I2JJR obtained his visitor callsign 9H3JR for his next stay in Bugibba, St. Paul's Bay, Malta (EU-023, WLOTA 1113, WW Loc. JM75EW), from April 9-14th. It will only be a short stay there, and he will operate holday style having his XYL with him. Augusto will look for some more detail about lighthouses or what else may be able to activate from there. He will use IC7k, AH4, and FT817, with some wire, hardware, and a fishing rod; so he will be able to put up a long wire or dipole or vertical and operate HF to 6m. QSL via I2JJR, direct or Bureau. [I2JJR]

09/04/2009: Operators Steffi/ON3AEO, Filip/ON4AEO, Jose/ON4CJK, Kath/ON7BK, Adele/ZR6APT, Deon/ZS6ABR, Lucas/ZS6ACT, Sid/ZS6AYC and Gert/ZS6GC will be active from Mozambique using the callsign C91FC from April 9-13th. QRV 80-10 meters using SSB, RTTY, PSK and CW. QSL via ON4CJK, direct or Bureau. Further information can be found at: www.c91fc.be/ [NG3K]

09/04/2009: Anne, OH2YL will be active as OH0/OH2YL from the Aland Islands (EU-002) from April 9-14th. QRV all HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct (Anne L?hdes, Ullantorppa 11 A 15, Espoo, 02750, Finland) or Bureau. [NG3K]

09/04/2009: Ben, DO1BEN will be active from Lolland Island (EU-029, DIA SJ-015) as OZ/homecall from April 9-17th. QRV on all HF bands, using SSB and somtimes digital modes. Location is 5 meters from the Baltic Sea. QSL via home call, Bureau or direct. [rsgbiota.org]

09/04/2009: Retu, XU7MDY will be active from Shinanoukville, Cambodia, between April 9th and 21st. QRV 80-10m using CW, SSB and Digital modes. QSL via the information at QRZ.com. [NG3K]

10/04/2009: Operators Jorge/OA4BHY, Marco/CE6TBN, Zoli/HA1AG, Daniel/DL5YWM and Rene/DL2JRM will be active from La Leona Island, Peru, as 4T6I from April 10-13th. QRV all HF bands SSB/CW with 2 stations. QSL via DL2JRM, direct or Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

11/04/2009: Bruno/ON7ZB and Fran?ois/F5JNE will be active April 11th as F/ON7ZB/P from the Mill of Marsigny (DMF 89-040), in the city of Champs sur Yonne (CP 89290), Department Yonne/89 and Province Burgundy (DPF 05). QRV starting around 0600 UTC on 80m and 40m, CW/SSB. Folowwing this activation they try to reactivate the Bellombre Castle (DFCF 89-067), in the city of Escolives Sainte Camille (CP 89290). QSL these two activations via ON7ZB, direct or Bureau. [F5NQL]

11/04/2009: Karel/OK1TIR and Jirka/OK2SJI will be active from two castles for Czech Castles Award (CCA) on April 11th. Karel, OK1TIR/p QRV from Castle Vargac (CCA ST-294, WW Loc. JN79CS), on 80, 40 and 20m SSB. Jirka, OK2SJI/p QRV from Castle Nov? Hrady (CCA PA-046, WW Loc. JN89BU). QSL both stations via their home calls, direct or Bureau. [RN1CW]

11/04/2009: Operators RZ1CWC (COTA-RU-Team) and Oleg UA1CEI and Anton UA1CER will be active April 11th from Fort Krasnaya Gorka (WCA/COTA F-109, RDA LO-30) using the callsign UE1CDX. QSL via RN1CW, Bureau or direct. [RN1CW]

12/04/2009: Once again Zik, VE3ZIK will be active from Bilice (Croatian coast) as 9A/VE3ZIK from April 12-21st. Also one day activity to IOTA: Ugljan Island (ACIA 339, CIA-53, IOCA

CI-134, MIA MC-441) as well as Pasman Island (EU-170, ACIA 348, CIA-34, IOCA CI-085, MIA MC-291), only 20 and 40m band, CW and SSB. QSL via DO7ZZ, Bureau 100%. LoTW and eQSL is also ok. He really prefers paper QSL cards :) [NG3K]

12/04/2009: Tony/E21IZC and Kamroon/HS7UCQ will activate Lipe Island (AS-126) as E21IZC/p from April 12-13th. QRV 40m and 20m using CW and SSB, around the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via E21IZC (QRZ.com). [rsgbiota.org]

12/04/2009: An international team composed by Juanjo/EA1CJ, Agustin/EA1KY, Roberto/EA2RY, Gerard/EA3EXV, Antonio/EA5RM, Manuel/EA7AJR, Bernard/F9IE, Fabrizio/IN3ZNR, Valery/UT7CR and Dimitri/UY7CW will be on the air from Tifariti, Western Sahara, from April 12-17th using the callsign S04R. QRV 160-10m (include WARC bands) using CW, SSB and RTTY with at least 3 stations at the same time in different bands and modes. QSL via EA5RM, direct or Bureau. Further information can be found on their website at: www.dxfriends.com/s04r/ [F5NQL]

15/04/2009: Operators Siggi/DL3HBZ, Uli/DJ9IE, Helge/DF6LPC, Lothar/DL8HAL and Harry/DL5HAQ will be active as from Hooge Island (EU-042, N-22 for the German Islands Award) as DK0RZ from April 15-17th. QRV all bands and modes, propagation permitting. QSL via the DARC Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

17/04/2009: Operators Klaus/DK6AO, Gunter/TI7WGI, Andy/DH8WR (EA2CRX), Norbert/DL2RNS, Rene/DL2JRM and Daniel/DL5YWM plan to activate Isla San Jose, Murcielago Islands (NA-191), Guanacaste Province, Costa Rica, as TI7XXX from April 17-20th. Note: TI7XXX is not the real callsign, that will be announced later. They plan to operate around the clock on 160-10 meters, using SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via DK6AO, direct or Bureau. No eQSL!. Further information will be available at: www.ti7.info/ [rsgbiota.org]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

18/04/2009: The Algarve STAR DX Team will activate Doca Olhao (Parsena Olhao) West Lighthouse (ARLHS POR-129, DFFA Fa-32 for the Algarve Lighthouse Award) on Amateur Radio Day, April 18th, between 0700 and 1300 UTC. Callsign will be announced later. All information will be online at: algarvedx.com/ [Algarve S.T.A.R. DX Team]

18/04/2009: The Adventure Radio Group of the Michiana Amateur Radio Club (W9AB) will activate Monkey Island (Not IOTA, USi IN-005R), located in the St. Joseph River in Mishawaka (St. Joseph County, WW Loc. EN61WQ), Indianna, on April 18th from 1400-1700z. Frequencies at/near 7.030, 7.225, 14.060, 14.225 MHz. QSL with SASE to W9AB, 3220 E Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, IN 46615-3028 U.S.A. [USi]

19/04/2009: The Amateur Radio Club UBA-LGE Li?ge, ON5VL will be active April 19th (0800-1200 UTC) as ON5VL/p from the Castle of Hollogne (BCA LG-67, for the Belgium Castles Award). QRV 80 and 40 meters, mainly SSB. QSL via the Bureau to ON5VL; via direct to ON5PO (QRZ.com). [UBA HF News]

21/04/2009: JH1AWN (JT1AWN), JA7AGO (JT1AGO) JA7LU (JT1LU) and JA7ZP (JT1ZP) will be active from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, between April 21st and 28th. They will be active from two places - one is a radio room of JT1KAA and the other is the Amure Hotel. QRV 80-6m, possibly 160m (depending on their location), using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via home calls, direct or Bureau. [JA1ELY]

24/04/2009: Kasimir, DL2SBY, will be active from Liechtenstein between April 24th and May 4th. Activity will be on HF bands (80-10m) using CW, SSB and RTTY. Equipment will be a TS2000, FT900AT, Ameritron AL811, HF9V vertical and a monoband vertical for 30/40m. Activity will also take place on 13cm and 23cm using EME. Equipment will be a FT726R, Dish 3, 7m, and 2 amplifier for both bands. Kasmir will use two separate callsigns for this operation. For the HF bands, he will use HB0/DL2SBY and for the EME activity will sign HB0/DF1SR. QSL via DL2SBY, by the Bureau or direct.

24/04/2009: Jim, MM0BQI will be active as homecall/p from Lunga Island in the Treshnish Isles (EU-108, IOSA NH17, SCOTIA DI09) April 24-27th. Look for activity on or near the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

25/04/2009: Bob, VK0BP will be active from Davis Base (WABA VK-03, WAP AUS-03, IOTA AN-016), Antarctica, using the special callsign AX0BP on April 25th to celebrate ANZAC Day. He is able to use this callsign from midnight 'til midnight local time (Davis is UTC +7). Bob will not be operating for the full 24 hours, but will do his very best to operate as long as possible that day. As an Australian operator they can use the AX prefix just 3 times per year, Australia Day which he has already done, ANZAC Day coming up in a couple of weeks, and then the last opportunity for Bob to use the AX0BP callsign whilst he is down there will be on World Telecommunications Day (17th May) - at this stage he hopes to use it again then too. QSL via VK2CA direct only - 2US and SAE preferred. [VK0BP]

25/04/2009: Saturday, April 25th marks the 135th anniversary of the birth of Marconi. To mark the occasion the Cornish Radio Amateur Club will be holding its 22nd annual International Marconi Day event and many stations with historic connections with Marconi will be active on that date. This is not a contest but several classes of awards are available for making QSOs with the special Award Stations. There are also SWL awards to be claimed. Ireland's Howth Martello Radio Group EI0MAR is an Award Station and will be QRV during the event from the vintage radio museum in Howth. This is a twenty-four hour event but EI0MAR will concentrate activities from 9am until 5pm local time, and visitors will be welcome during those hours. To coincide with the special event, the North Dublin Radio Club will hold its weekly meeting at the same QTH from 8pm the same evening. EI0MAR's web site is www.ei0mar.org/. For more information about the event including a listing of award stations visit www.gb4imd.org.uk/. [Southgate ARC]

29/04/2009: Look for special event station 8J6DON to be active from April 29th to May 5th to celebrate the Hakata "Dontaku" Port Festival, Fukuoka City, Fukuoka Prefecture, Kyushu (AS-077, JIIA AS-077-001), Japan. (The word Dontaku comes from the Dutch word Zontag, meaning holiday.) Expect activity on all bands/modes. QSL via the JARL Bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/05/2009: Ray/G3KOJ with XYL Penny will be on holiday in Perth, Western Australia, for the entire month of May. Ray has applied and got the callsign VK6XRM. The XRM part of the call is Ex-Royal Marines as he retired from the Royal Marines Commando way back in 1975 after 22 years and 9 months service. Ray will be operating from the QTH of Alan VK6PG, located in Noranda, and meeting all the RSARS boys out there in VK6 land for BBQ's. Penny and Ray will be travelling around WA with Colin and Carol VK6BQ who will take an HF rig and wire antenna so we may get on from some strange places. QSL via home call, direct or RNARS or RSARS or RSGB Bureaus. [G3KOJ]

02/05/2009: Within the framework of European 'Leader' project for the promotion of country, organizes the amateur radio enthusiasts of Zevergem, a municipality of the Pinte, on 2 and 3 May 2009 a special event in the rural core of Zevergem, with clear offer to activities: ON769MS QRV op HF/VHF in SSB, CW, digital modes, SSTV, ATV, DATV; a radio search for young and old; communication with satellites and the ISS space station; passing through demonstrations and information around radio amateurism; particular QSL card. ON769MS will be used up to 31 October by the Radio Club TLS (De Pinte) up to October 31st. QSL via ON6MS. [UBA HF News]

08/05/2009: An Eure et loir area Hams, namely F1LLS, F4BCG, F4FCS, F5RAB, F6AXN, F6DPD, and F6HEQ will be active as TM5EL from the Penfret Island (EU-094, DIFM AT-059, WLOTA 0321, DPLF PB-038, WW Loc. IN87AR) from May 8-10th. The crew will be active on the open HF bands plus 6m, VHF, UHF and SHF using SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via F6KHI through French REF Bureau or direct (with SASE). [F5NQL]

17/05/2009: Radio Club F6KHI will be active for the European Castles Day on May 17th as F6KHI/p from the Castle of Denonville (DFCF 28-082, WW Loc. JN08VJ). The castle is located in the city of Denonville (CP 28700), canton [county] of Auneau Canton (DDCF 28-02), Department Eure-et-Loir/28 and Province Centre (DPF 07). QRV 80-10m using CW and SSB. Operators: F5RAB,

F4BCG, F6AXN and others. QSL via F6KHI through French REF Bureau or direct (with SASE). [F6KHI]

11/06/2009: Horst, DL8NBM will activate Helgoland-Duene (EU-127, N-15 for the German Islands Award) as homecall/p from June 11-17th. QRV 80-10m, possibly 160m, with FT-857D, wire antennas (dipole/GP), using mainly CW with some SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

12/06/2009: John, KB4CRT will be active as VP2MRT from the island of Montserrat (NA-103, WLOTA 1475, Grid FK86) from June 12-19th, including an entry in the ARRL June VHF QSO Party (June 13-15th). QRV HF bands using SSB, CW, maybe PSK (Asia 20m 1200-1300z) and also the VHF bands. QSL direct only SASE or Green Stamp, Bureau ok but 2+ yrs round trip. [NG3K]

25/07/2009: QCWA Chapter 119 will do a combination Special Event Station (History of Tangier Island, VA) and RSGB IOTA Contest effort as W4T from Tangier Island (NA-083, USi VA-001S, WLOTA 3049, Accomack county), Virginia, in Chesapeake Bay, USA. Operators mentioned are Vic/W4VIC, Ron/W8RJL, Barry/K5VIP, Clyde/K4CQW, Butch/KE4AZL, Talley/W4TVG, Stu/K4MIL and Terry/KI4RXC. QSL via K5VIP. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [NG3K]

08/09/2009: Nick, G3RWF will be active once again from the island of Cyprus (AS-004, MIA MCI-002, WLOTA 0051) as 5B/G3RWF from September 8-22nd. Expect activity on all bands and modes. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [G3RWF]

21/10/2009: Jack, N2VW will be active from the VP5JM Hamlet on Providenciales Island (NA-002) from October 21-28th, including entry in the CQWW SSB Contest (October 25-26th) possibly using a special call. Outside the contest he will be signing VP5/N2VW on all bands and modes, 160-6 meters. QSL via home call.

15/11/2009: Roger/W7VV, Ralph/VE7XF and others will operate from VP5JM's QTH on Providenciales (NA-002) from November 15th to December 3rd, including a M? entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th) probably using a special callsign (TBA). Outside the contest look for the group to be signing VP5/homecall on all bands/modes 160-6 meters. QSL via home calls.
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SPECIAL EVENTS -

09/04/2009: Special event station 8J0SC50A is currently active on all bands/modes until November 11th to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Shiojiri-city, Chubu region, Nagano prefecture, Honshu (AS-007, JIIA AS-007-001, WLOTA 2376), Japan. The city was founded on April 1, 1959. QSL via the JARL Bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

09/04/2009: Special event station 8J1FUJ is currently active until September 30th to commemorate the Mt. Fuji Microwave/Millimeter-wave Radio Propagation Research Project. This opration also counts for Honshu Island (AS-007, JIIA AS-007-001, WLOTA 2376). QSL via JARL Bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

09/04/2009: Special event station 8J3TS40O is currently active until October 31st to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Sakiyama Castle in Tamba, Kyoto prefecture (ken), Honshu (AS-007, JIIA AS-007-001, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL Bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

09/04/2009: Special event station 8J4FF is currently active until May 5th to celebrate the 2009 Hiroshima(-city) Flower Festival, Chugoku region, Hiroshima prefecture, Honshu (AS-007, JIIA S-007-001, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QRV all bands/modes. QSL via the JARL Bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

09/04/2009: Special event station 8N0TOKI is currently active until October 12th to celebrate the 64th National Sports Festival in Niigata prefecture (ken), Honshu (AS-007, JIIA AS-007-001, WLOTA 2376), Japan. Niigata-prefecture is famous for the Crested Ibis (or Toki). QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

09/04/2009: Special event station 8N9T400Y is currently active until September 30th to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Origin of Takaoka(-city), Toyama ken (prefecture),

Honshu (AS-007, JIIA AS-007-001, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

10/04/2009: Special event station GB0HTH will be on the air April 10th from Holy Trinity in Hoghton in Lancashire. QRV all HF bands. QSL via the RSGB Bureau. [GB2RS]

10/04/2009: Special event station GB2MOP will be active April 10th, on all HF bands, from the Museum of Power in Ceredigion. QSL via the RSGB Bureau. [GB2RS]

11/04/2009: Special event station GB0GRA will be aired April 11th by the Grantham Radio Amateurs, on all HF bands. QSL via M0JHW, direct or Bureau. [GB2RS]

11/04/2009: Look for special event station GB0HDX to be active on all bands April 11th for Harlaxton Delta X-Ray from Grantham, England. QSL via M0JHW, direct or Bureau. [GB2RS]

11/04/2009: Special event station GB4SCL will be on the air April 11th from the Settle Carlisle Line in Ingleton, North Yorkshire. QSL via the RSGB Bureau. [GB2RS]

12/04/2009: Look for special event station GB2WLR will be on the air April 12th from the West Lancs Railway in Preston. QSL via the RSGB Bureau. [GB2RS]

16/04/2009: Eleven special event stations will be active from Poland between April 16-19th to commemorate the World Amateur Radio Day (April 18th): 3Z0WARD, 3Z2009WARD, HF2009WARD, HF84WARD, HF9WARD, SN0WARD, SN2009WARD, SP0WARD, SP2009WARD, SQ0WARD and SQ2009WARD. QSL via SP2FAP. Further information can be found at: www.ward.pzk.pl/ [425 DX News]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

01/04-30/09 8J1FUJ: Honshu Island WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
01/04-31/10 8J3TS40O: Honshu Island WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
01/04-12/10 8N0TOKI: Honshu Island WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
01/04-27/09 8N1Y: Honshu Island WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
01/04-30/09 8N9T400Y: Honshu Island WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
01/04-16/04 DU9/M0GHQ: Mindanao Island WLOTA:2803 QSL HC (d/b)
01/04-10/04 IC8/IN3XUG: Isola d'Ischia WLOTA:0689 QSL HC (d/b)
01/04-11/04 PJ2/PA4JJ: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL HC (d)
02/04-24/04 8P6DR: Barbados Island WLOTA:0999 QSL G3RWL (d/b)
03/04-12/04 SX8P: Nisos Samos WLOTA:4163 QSL SV8CYV (d/b)
04/04-11/11 8J0SC50A: Honshu Island WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
04/04-05/05 8J4FF: Honshu Island WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
07/04-12/04 FJ/EB1HF: Saint Barthelemy WLOTA:0377 QSL EC1AE (d)
07/04-12/04 FJ/EC1DPM: Saint Barthelemy WLOTA:0377 QSL EC1AE (d)
08/04-13/04 D44TEP: Ilha da Boa Vista WLOTA:0972 QSL DF8KN (d/b)
08/04-21/04 KG4CN: Guantanamo Bay WLOTA:0358 QSL W0CN (d/b)
08/04-15/04 TK/F6BUL/qrp: Corsica Island WLOTA:1390 QSL HC (d/b)
08/04-22/04 VP9KF: Hamilton Island WLOTA:0201 QSL QRZ.com
09/04-17/04 3B8/SP2JMB: Mauritius Island WLOTA:0595 QSL HC (d/b)
09/04-17/04 3B8/SP2JMR: Mauritius Island WLOTA:0595 QSL HC (d/b)
09/04-14/04 9H3JR: Malta Island WLOTA:1113 QSL I2JJR (d/b)
17/04-19/04 DU5/M0GHQ: Leyte Island WLOTA:1103 QSL HC (d/b)

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U.S. COUNTY HUNTING - USA-CA

KI4GKA/KG4NNK - Rick and Shelia - 4/11/09 to 4/11/09 - SSB Only
Kentucky counties - Our route should go through Spencer, Jefferson, Bullitt, Hardin, Meade, Breckenridge, Hancock, Daviess, McLean, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Butler, Grayson, Nelson, Washington, Anderson, Mercer and Woodford. The goal is to run all Kentucky counties this year. When you send MRCs to me for the first time, please send your QSL card. Chances are I need your county since I have only been a county hunter for 3 months now. Thanks! Shelia. Send email requests

to kg4nnk at insightbb.com [County Hunter Web]

K8OOK & N8IPG - 13 Apr to 18 Apr - SSB and CW
MI Kent, Ionia, Clinton, Eaton, Calhoun, Branch IN Steuben, Dekalb, Allen OH Paulding, VanWert, Putnam?, Allen, Hancock, Wyandot, Marion, Delaware, Morrow, Licking, Fairfield, Hocking, Vinton, Athens, Meigs WV Jackson, Kanawka, Fayette, Raleigh, Mercer VA Tazewell, Smyth, Washington TN Sullivan, Washington, Carter?, Unicoi, NC Madison, Buncombe abt 36 hr break, then NC Haywood Tn Cocke, Jefferson, Knox, Anderson, Campbell KY Whitley, Laurel, Rockcastle, Madison, Clark, Montgomery, Bath, Rowan Carter, Fleming, Nicholas, Bourbon--from here fuzzy, hopefully Harrison, Pendleton, Bracken, Campbell, then depending on time, interstates home or up east side of IN. Run 7188 and 14336, will announce after 7188 kHz, if I can safely run 10122.5 kHz. [County Hunter Web]
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SIX METERS & UP -

09/04-14/04 9H3JR: Bugibba, Malta 6M Grid:JM75EW 100W QSL I2JJR (d/b)

11/04-12/04 Georgia QSO Party 6m-2m bands included 50.135USB+FM

16/04-18/04 W0WYV: Bellevue ARC Anniversary event Grid:EN21BD 50.125USB 147.390MHz QSL QRZ.com

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated April 06, 2009)
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QSL INFORMATION -

E51QQQ - No documentation received at ARRL (QSO Dec 8 2008)

-- Bruce, WA3AFS
Bruce/Edith Goldstein

Folks, this is the first rejection notice I have received in a very long time. Please send any notice you receive of a dx operation not being approved for DXCC to me to put into the database for you. I need the call sign, date of your qso and the reason for rejection by ARRL. Likewise, if you have one accepted that was previously rejected, let me know so I can update the list in the database.

Thanks
John K1XN (golist at gmail.com)

QSLs received Bureau - 9A9Z/P, A45WD, C56YK, DF1RA, DF2EY, DH6JH, DL6ABN, DL6DSA, DL8AX, DL8ER, DL9BH, DO6RO, HP1WW, LU4DQ, OA4WW, RA6CY, T90HQ, TF4M, UA6AF/P, UA9BX, VQ5XF, YL4HQ

QSLs received Direct - 3V8BB (via Direct), 9V1F1 (via 9V1UV), ER4DX (via RA4LW), ET3JA (via OK3AA), FS5KA (via W3HNK), FW5RE (via W1GS), HC2/SM6FKF (via hc), HC2/SM7BUA (via hc), JT1CO (via Direct), NH0AA/NH2 (via JH2BNL), PX200JMU [SA-080] (via PY6KW), T27OU (via N7OU), T88CD (via JH2BNL), TO3R (via RW3RN), V6C [OC-011] (via JH2BNL), V6P [OC-010] (via JH2BNL), V7XX [OC-029] (via JH2BNL), VK9AA (via DL8YR), VP2V/SP7VC (via SP7VC), XW1B (via E21EIC), YB2UTX (via YC2YTC), ZL3IX (via Direct)

QSLs received LoTW - HC8A (several contests), HH4/K4QD, KP2D, PW0S (Feb 2001), YX0A (April 2006), YX0LIX (April 2006)
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SILENT KEYS -

Sterling F. Howell-KG4KIU of Glen Saint Mary, Florida, became silent key April 2, 2009 at the age of 56.

David L Vakos, N4DBB of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, became silent key April 2, 2009.

Thomas R. Perry W2BIS, of Wappingers Falls, New York, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, March 15, 2009 at the age of 66.

Alex Desmeules, VE2AFC of Baie St-Paul, Quebec, became silent key April 8, 2009.
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BITS & PIECES -

CQ News: Update on Italian earthquake response;

CQ Public Service Editor Bob Josuweit, WA3PZO, relays the following update from Greg Mossop, G0DUB, the International Amateur Radio Union's Emergency Communications Coordinator for Region 1 (Europe and Africa):

The 7045 kHz frequency is in use linking local rescue and coordination centres with Protezione Civile in Rome. Cell phone capacity in the are is being increased and a second wave of volunteers and workers are being prepared to go to the area to take over from the first responders.

The request to keep 7045 clear remains active and now more important that a formal net seems to exist.

DARC (Germany's national amateur radio organization) has pointed me to the following YouTube link showing the local amateurs at work in the area:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tq8JLqf5_Bo

There are now 7000 volunteers involved in the response and the reported frequencies for activity locally are:

* R4 CH-145.700 Prefettura di Pescara
* RU 8 CH- 430.800 " "
* R1 AQ -145.625 Coordinamento

* HF 7.045 Headquarter in Roma of Protezione Civile

Other frequencies are being used inside the groups of volunteers as you can see from the many VHF frequencies shown on the Youtube footage. [CQ Newsletter]

Heavy storm on Mellish (04-09-2009 from AA7JV)

Apr 9, 0000 UTC, Mellish Reef. We did recover the computer that went overboard. It is working and we are fully back in business. Still don't know about RTTY, however. We endured an intense storm last night with winds gusting over 80 km/h. Rain was occasionally very heavy. We had to stop operating several times to strengthen the tent. There seems to big demand for 20 m SSB, which we will do some of today.

Low Band Report: 160 meters was poor last night, and the weather worse. Occasionally we could hear that a lot of NA stations were calling, but it was impossible to pick out individual calls because of the rapid QSB. Again, many stations were sending their calls only once or twice, making them impossible to piece together. We QSY-d to 80 at 0930 where conditions were fluctuating; at times the band sounded like 160, other times it was reasonable. We returned to 160 around 2000, where conditions gotten even worse. Additionally, the storm was shaking the tent and causing the tarps to flap very loudly. It was impossible to hear the few weak signals that managed to get above the noise. We went back to 80 but were interrupted several times by the storm threatening to blow down the tent. We had to add some tie-downs, etc. Altogether, not a great night!

We believe there is a need to clarify the focus of this operation. As stated from the outset, our focus is low bands: 160, 80 and 40, in that order. We work the other bands during the day because the low bands are closed (and Tomi loves it!). There have been a lot of complaints about our low band (and CW) focus, including comments that "this is no way to run a DXpedition". The way we see it is that many large DXpeditions do a great job of working the high bands, SSB and digital modes. There is a very good chance that one will be on Mellish Reef soon. These operations, however, with a few exceptions, do not generate a lot of 160 m

QSO-s. We specialize in low band operations. We bring 160 meter antennas, RX antennas, pre-amplifiers, etc. We come with a lot of patience and the willingness to endure pain. We put up with low QSO rates and seem to have a desire to spend hour listening to entropy. Stuff that most DXpeditions, and their operators, prefer not to do. We aim at giving out as many 160 m (and 80m) QSO-s as we can. Everything else is cream!

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And the callsigns are:

Tanga Island OC-102 P29VCX QSL via SM6CVX
Green Island OC-231 P29VLR QSL via SM6CVX
Woodlark Island OC-205 P29NI QSL via G3KHZ

The Papua New Guinea IOTA dxpeditions for G3KHZ started in 2005 when Normanby Island in the D'Entrecasteaux group OC-116 was activated. This was a trip with my XYL Joyce when we lived with the locals for 10 days in Saidawai village in Sewa Bay (website).

Since then, each year, a group of us has visited other "rare" PNG IOTAs. In 2007 we activated two new ones, Taku'u Atoll OC-283 and Nukumanu Atoll OC-284 (website). In total we have activated the following IOTAs:

OC-041 Ninigo group (Luf Island, Hermits)
OC-115 Trobriand group (Kiriwiana)
OC-116 D'Entrecasteaux group (Normanby)
OC-153 PNG Coastal Islands, South (Daru)
OC-181 Witu Islands (Witu)
[the locals call the group Garove]
OC-256 Kilinailau
OC-283 Taku?u
OC-284 Nukumanu

And this year (2009) we plan to go to:

OC-102 Tanga
OC-205 Woodlark
OC-231 Green
[K1XN]

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